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“St. Francis' has taken our need for post adoption support very seriously and have been proactive in helping us to receive what we need. On the way they have provided three consultation appointments and done therapeutic life story work with our son once a week over at least six months.”

The difference your donation could make

Across a year, your monthly donation could be life-changing for the children we support.

£20 a month could fund an adoption support consultation with an adoptive parent who needs specialist support.

£15 a month could pay for 50 children to receive a present from Father Christmas at our annual Christmas party.

£10 a month could fund one of our family social events. Children get to play and make friends with other adopted children, helping them to feel more 'normal' and importantly, have fun!

If you are currently in the adoption process with SFCS then unfortunately we are unable to accept any donations until the process is complete. If you have any queries then please do get in touch.

St. Francis' Children's Society is a registered charity, Charity No. 211670.
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“The course has been the single most useful, positive and empowering thing I have done. Not only on my adoption journey, but in my life.”

An adopter who attended our Therapeutic Parenting Workshop.

Become our friend

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St. Francis' Children's Society is a children's charity and an independent adoption agency. We specialise in finding families for children who wait the longest in the care system. All these children will have experienced trauma and many will have been removed from their birth family.



We know that it takes a special kind of person to adopt. Often, they and their adopted child need extra support to navigate this sometimes tricky path and so we are proud to offer them life-long support.

Supporting us with a monthly gift will provide vital help for the adopted children who need us today and help change the lives of children who will be adopted in the future.

“Jenny’s core assessment was a 4-page summary of how she came to end up in care. It was horrible to read what she’d been through and I had to stop reading part way through it for a break. I later found out that the full report was 100 pages long.”

Why we need your support

These children have been through what no child ever should. They will have experienced abuse, been neglected and traumatised.

Because of their traumatic past, many adopted children will have complex behaviours and coping mechanisms. Their adoptive parents often need our support. Every family who adopted through us has access to our support services and we are there for them for life.

At any one time, we are supporting over 150 families.

On average, we place 25 to 35 children with new families each year. So the number of families needing our support will keep increasing, year after year. To keep providing this high level of support, we need to invest more time and money into our support services.

On average, it costs us £548 to fund our post-adoption support services for a day.

This covers everything from working with families on an individual basis, our adoption support consultations, family events, coffee mornings, our annual conference and therapeutic parenting workshops.

We don't get funding from the government for our post-adoption support services.

To keep them going, we rely on the support we receive from companies, organisations and individuals who donate and fundraise for us.



Emma and Zoe* became parents when they adopted Liam and Ethan*

My wife and I knew we wanted a family after we got married. Initially we were worried that our sexuality would harm our chances of adopting, when in fact it wasn't even an issue at all. We were welcomed at SFCS and they were so open and really put our minds at rest, supporting us through the assessment process.

In the end, we adopted twin boys with several disabilities who were two years old when they came home to us. We were pleasantly surprised at how much support there is from SFCS. They have been there to offer advice, help out with schools and offer support when we've had challenging times. We have accessed various adoption support services including workshops, family events and the adoption support consultations. It's nice to know that SFCS are there for us – if we ever have a question, they are happy to help.

We take the boys along to SFCS events such as the Christmas party and the summer picnic. These events allow our boys to meet other adopted children and in turn we also get to meet up with other adoptive parents to share our experiences. The boys really enjoy the events and see the same friendly faces each time.

*All names have been changed for reasons of confidentiality